

MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: April 3, 1979

SUBJECT: Ways and Means Committee

GROUP: Chairman Kirkpatrick, Councilors Stuhr, Dienes, Burton; Executive Officer Gustafson; Staff members Kent, Shell and Jordan.

SUMMARY: The meeting opened with the Chair briefly reporting the results of the recent supplemental budget hearing before the Tax Supervisory and Conservation Commission (TSCC). It was agreed that changes to the proposed supplemental budget, which were required by TSCC, will be reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee prior to going back to Council.

The first regularly scheduled agenda item was the Initiative and Referendum Procedure proposed in the MSD Legislative package which was referred by Council to the Ways and Means Committee. It was pointed out that the House Local Government Committee had deleted the I & R proposal from the bill. The consensus was that the issue should not be re-activated.

On the matter of appointing a "Personnel Rules Task Force" to review the previously adopted Interim Personnel Rules, Chairman Kirkpatrick reported that Councilor Miller had agreed to participate on the Task Force. It was discussed that Herald Campbell, Mayor of Lake Oswego, John Stevens, Director of Portland Civil Service and John Burnham, Personnel Director for Pacific Northwest Bell, should be asked to serve. In addition, Councilor Deines will contact Mr. Karp of the State Employment Service to see if he would be willing to serve. It was agreed that the Chair would seek approval of these appointments as part of the Ways and Means Committee report.

The matter of Council per diem was then discussed. Several views were brought forward on the matter. Consensus was reached that a maximum of sixty per diem allowances per year per Councilor should be approved and that the Council Chair will provide guidance as to what constitutes meetings eligible for per diem. It was further agreed that the Committee would recommend that, in addition to the per diem, each Councilor would be assigned a \$1500 annual expense allowance. Further, a \$5000 general expense fund should be established. These recommendations will be presented to the Council, and in the interim, will be used as guidance for development of the FY 1980 Budget.

A brief report was given by staff on progress of the FY 1980 budget. It was reiterated that budget meetings would be held April 10, 12, 17 and 20, as previously published.

It was agreed to recommend that an "Organizational Process Consultant" be invited to attend the meeting of Committee Chairmen called for April 5. He would discuss recent experiences in working with areawide agencies. It was pointed out that this consultant was already planning to be in town and would, therefore, be able to attend that meeting at no expense to MSD.